

MORSE'S OFFER FOR STEAMSHIP LINE REFUSED

Consolidated Will Not Sell Sound Routes. Prepares for War.

The Board of Directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at a meeting to-day at the Grand Central depot considered the offer by Charles W. Morse and associates to purchase the New England Navigation Company and the Maine Steamship Company, now owned by the railroad company. The offer was refused.

The offer was offered for the properties. After the meeting, President Melien stated that the offer was not accepted.

The offer of Mr. Morse and his associates for the purchase of our steamship and steamboat lines was considered. It was very liberal, but was turned down because it is against the policy of the company to part with assets of its property.

The New England Navigation Company comprises the Fall River line, the Providence line, the Norwich line to New London, the New Haven line, to New York, the Boston and New Bedford Company. The Maine Steamship Company was recently acquired by the railroad.

This turning down of Morse indicated that there will be no change in water traffic this summer. The Morse indicated that he would not return to Boston and are building two new steamers, the Yale and Harvard.

There is no construction of new ships. The New England Navigation Company has no construction, and a merry time is looked for when everything is in full swing.

NEW HAVEN REFUSED OFFER IN SELF-DEFENSE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5.—It is understood here that the action of the New York, New Haven and Hartford directors in declining the offer of Charles W. Morse to purchase the New England Navigation Company's property is a self-defense against the financial policy of the company to give sustaining support and strength to its land lines in territorial development.

Another factor in the decision, it is stated, was the feeling among the directors that if the transfer had been made it would have been exceedingly difficult to have secured international management which would have assured the New Haven system against serious competition. It is noted that the offer of Mr. Morse was \$100 a share, or 10 times what was offered for the navigation company's property

It is a coincidence that Freehouser was the New Haven director appointed to ascertain an offer made to President Melden for purchase of the Consolidated Railroad Company for \$10,000,000, which was twice the cost of the electric properties of the New Haven road.

Carl Jensen, an axed provision dealer, of No. 165 Bard street, Brooklyn, after ten years' residence at that place, yesterday decided to-day to end his life and take with him into the beyond his faithful old dog, that had been his sole companion and friend for a decade.

The old man occupied a floor in the building where he lived, and was known as a recluse. A neighbor going downstairs at noon heard a pistol-shot, saw the door leading into the hallway open, from which the old gray-nosed St. Bernard staggered and tumbled over dead.

When the door opened, a neighbor, a porter, and the neighbor, breaking into the apartment, found the old man slumped beside him. He had shot himself in the head with a .38-cal. smoking revolver.

He had lived his life in the Long Island College Hospital. His wound in mortal. The surgeons say that Jensen had written letters from the neighborhood where he lived. This morning he got into the room. No trace of which was found in his apartment by the police, nor was there any trace of the letters. He has been a widower for twenty years and was about two years old.

HUGHES HERE TO SPEAK AT THE AMEN DINNER.

ALBANY, Feb. 9.—Gov. Hughes left for New York to-day at 11.35. He will speak to-night at the Amen Corner dinner at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and will return to Albany to-morrow afternoon.

\$250.

Reward

A reward of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any junk dealer or other person guilty, under the provisions of Section 880 of the Penal Code of the State of New York, of criminally receiving any property belonging to this Company.

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